

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

---

In re application of:	Bloom, <i>et al.</i>	§	Examiner:	Ja Na Hines
Appl. Ser. No.	10/762,492	§	Art Unit:	1645
Filed:	January 23, 2004	§	Atty. Dkt. No:	IVGN 347
Title:	<b>RAPID GROWING MICROORGANISMS FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS</b>	§	Confirmation No.:	4921
		§		
		§		
		§		

---

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 18, 2008

**Mail Stop: Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2008 in the above-captioned matter, Applicant submits the following amendment and response in accordance with 37 CFR §1.111, in which:

*Changes to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper; and

*Remarks* begin on page 5 of this paper.

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) a three (3)-month extension of time for submission of this response and submits the required extension fee via electronic filing. If any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, or any additional fees such as excess claims fees are required, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any required fees (including but not limited to appropriate petition fees or fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our **Deposit Account No. 50-3994**, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw funds.